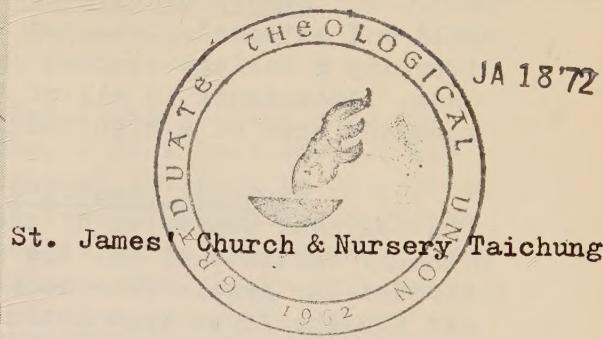


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FROM THE BISHOP

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My dear People & Friends,

Since our last issue in June, we have not been idle during the summer vacation months of July & August.

Summer Conferences -- Several summer conferences were held & I attended, preached & talked to three of them -- the University & College student one, the Senior Youth & Junior Youth ones. Attendance in all of them increased & the programmes & speakers were of a high quality.

Regional Deaneries -- A new structure in the Diocese, the Regional Deaneries of the North & South, were organized. Each deanery consists of all the clergy in the region plus one to two elected lay people from each Mission. The Southern Deanery has met for the first time & the Northern Deanery will meet next week. Common problems & work in the region are discussed & Joint action on them will be taken.



Fr. Liu explains the Sunday School Contest regulations to the children.

New Projects -- Five projects were started since June-- the Interdenominational Christian Cemetery in the South in which our Diocese holds 75 graves; the Girl Students Hostel at Chiayi accommodating 32 students started building in August; the Nursery at St. James' Church, Taichung, opens this month (Sept. 6), the Chading Clinic for fishermen reopens this month (Sept. 10); & the new Dormitory at Hsinpu (St. John's & St. Mary's Institute of Technology) housing 350 students was completed last month.

Confirmations & Ordination — Confirmations were held at the Cathedral, Holy Trinity Church at Keelung, & at the Epiphany Chapel (for Father Morse's candidates) in July & August. On St. Peter's Day, June 29th, the Revs. Hu Kuo-Hua & Jason Ke were ordained to the priesthood.

Clergy movements — The Rev. Roy Taylor, CMS missionary, moved from Taipei to Tainan in August to become Warden of St. Michael's House & alecturer at Cheng Kung University. The Rev. Henry Pan of St. Paul's Church, Kaohsiung, will leave on Sept. 9th for Jerusalem for a three-months' course at St. George's College on the Bible & Comparative Religion.

Bishop's Travels — On June 2nd I was in Hong Kong for the EACC Laymen Abroad Committee meeting, & on August 28-31 I attended the Continuation Committee meeting of the EACC in Singapore. From Oct. 1st I shall be in America for 6 weeks attending meetings of the 8th Province (Oct. 5 - 6 at Yosemite Park), the House of Bishops meeting (Oct. 22-23, Overseas Bishops; Oct. 24-29 full House), & speaking at the centenary of the Chinese American Missionary Society in San Francisco On Oct. 9 and at the 150th anniversary of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society of PECUSA in churches at Pocono & Philadelphia. On all the other Sundays I shall be preaching in local churches and at a Diocesan UTO service in the Diocese of Virginia.

Act & Pray — In the Gospel for Today (Trinity 13), the Parable of the Good Samaritan, our Lord Jesus tells us to do as the Good Samaritan did — love God & our neighbors. Because these are actions of love, we should do them always, in our whole life-time.

In the coming two months I ask you to pray especially for the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society of our Mother Church which celebrates its 150th Anniversary on Oct. 31st & to hold special services in all the churches of our Diocese on that Sunday.

Yours affectionately
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James Pong

Hot Summer Months — Season of youth Activities

College Students Conference — (The 4th) July 1-4, 1971)

Some 40 college students with 6 recent graduates and four resident clergy spent four very happy days at the R. C. Sacred Heart College for the 4th Diocesan College Conference. Bishop J. Pong came every

day to visit and we gave talks on Jesus and Freedom. Canon E. Der spoke on Freedom from the theological point of view and Fr. H. C. Wang from the philosophical point of view. Very heated discussion and real sharing of spiritual experience were held in the conference as well as folk dancing, games, hiking and swimming. As usual, about 1/3 were non-Christians but it was very harmonious and soul-searching. Many college students had been brought face to face with problems of faith. Rev. Roy Taylor of CMS also helped in the meetings.

The 12th Senior High Students Conference July 12-15, 1971 Taichung

This Youth leadership camp was attended by 40 young people from all 14 mission stations. The theme was 'Great Personalities who changed history' plus technical skill training in leadership, Bible study, acolyte training, understanding of the Communion Service. Four College students helped as counsellors with four other resident clergy. Bp & Mrs. Pong also came and spent a night with the young people. A report from Trinity Church, Keelung, said that the Youth Fellowship had been greatly revived after this Conference. Many more people came and Bible study is now the center of interest.

We used the Lutheran Seminary in Taichung at the Conference ground. Very ecumenical.

The 4th Junior High Conference (Southern Deanery)

Fr. Henry Pan was the chief sponsor and the Conference was held at St. Paul's Church with the boys sleeping on tatami in the nursery and girls staying at Fr. Ou's Vicarage. Another group of 40 strong attended from 7 churches in the South. This is basically a supplementary training to confirmation class, so the Bible, the Church and Faith in Christ were the topics of discussion. Fr. Pan says that his own daughter who had once been shying from Church now asked for a Bible for herself and has been reading it ever since.

The 4th Junior High Conference (Northern Deanery)

At Sacred Heart College again and the nuns were so attentive to Canon Der as they found out he had lost his voice and with 'flu brought from Hong Kong. Nearly 60 people attended with about 10 senior high students. Shortage of staff and poor preparation handicapped the conference. But the new 'Religious Study One' discussion of life situations and confrontations with the realities of life with drama and role playing methods, were a success.

Through personal counselling, many people came to the priests for confession and asked for forgiveness. Some youngsters had been involved in gang fights and in the conference came to realise how wrong it was to fight to try to solve problems. The topics were 'I-We' and Church- the Family. The story telling and pictures contest help the young people to express themselves, the skits were most

vivid in their own portrayal. Many in the essay contest also revealed their spiritual needs and family problems. All these help the youth workers to map out plans.

Sunday School Contest:

August 28th, 1971 was a very happy day for over two hundred youngsters of the Episcopal Church on the island as they went with their priests and Sunday school teachers to the Church of the Advent, St. John's & St. Mary's Institute of Technology, Sinpu for the Northern Deanery contest and All Saints' Church Kansan for the Southern Deanery meeting. The programme included hymn singing, story-telling, recitation of the Creed of Lord's prayer, and Bible plays too. Most children got prizes and candies to eat. Most of these had been trained from the many weeks of Summer Bible School from each Church. The judges were all from the laity and some College students from the Art Academy. This is the 4th annual meeting of all the children.

What effects from the Summer? Newly organised College Fellowship

After the College Conference, the students felt very strongly the need for a Winter Conference and a Northern Deanery Fellowship. This was first organised on Sept. 19th, 1971, Bishop Pong's 60th Birthday. Nearly 40 attended and a good staff had been selected with Miss Huei Min Chin as Gen. Secretary and Mr. Yin Chi Chen as Assistant. The Staff will hold regular Bible study weekly as they found out how inadequate they had been in leading others to Christ. The next monthly meeting will be Oct. 3rd, 1971 and all will go to visit St. John & St. Mary's Institute of Technology. According to our statistics there must be about 100 college students with about 20 recent graduates who are also welcome to come.

NEW PROJECTS

New Dormitory of St. John's & St. Mary's Dedicated: On September 27th, 1971, Bishop J. Pong went to Sinpu to dedicate the new Dormitory which can house another 350 students. The present enrollment of the Institute is about 1400, and it is in its fifth year now. The first class will graduate in July 1972, and it is hoped that the new Bishop Wong Memorial Chapel will be completed by then.

Chading, St. Andrew's Clinic Re-opened

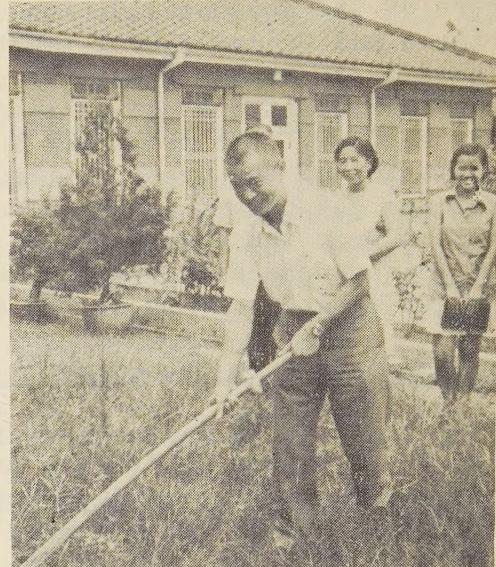
St. Andrew's Clinic which served the fishermen for a time had been closed, and even the mobile clinic had stopped. But now, the new Vicar, Fr. Andrew Huang has found that there is great opportunity in co-operating with the Labor Medical Insurance Bureau, so the clinic was re-opened in September. There are great prospects for this Clinic's becoming self-supporting. St. Paul's Clinic in Kao-shiung is expected to be reinforcing the new clinic again. It is hoped that this new service will be much strengthened by a concerted effort in our church.

St. Peter's Girls' Hostel extension

The small St. Peter's Hostel which was opened in 1968 with about 14 girls will soon have a new look after the Ground-breaking ceremony on July 25th, 1971. A second floor will be planned and it could house about 40 girls. Most of these come from the villages and the hostel provides a good place to study. Regular service will be held.



St. Peter's Hostel
Ground-breaking Service.



Ccl. P. L. Hsu - Senior
Warden breaks the ground.

More New Projects! St. James' Nursery - Taichung

Right after the consecration of the new Church, the Bishop's Committee of St. James' Church decided to start a Nursery. A loan had been granted from CCSEA and a modern air-conditioned nursery was opened in September on the second floor and ground floor of St. James' Church. More than 20 signed up for the first week, it will soon increased up to a hundred, taking 2-5 year olds. In order to expand and meet the needs of the community a van is most needed. Any donation to help this nursery is appreciated.

LETTER FROM THE HUTTONS

August 1971

Dear Friends,

As we sit around in our empty house in Arlington, Texas, it seems like an excellent time to write all our friends and relatives who have been wondering what was going to happen to the Huttons. As of Sept. 1, Pat will be rector of St. Bartholomew's, an enthusiastic Texas parish, full of young people and lots of potential. We are delighted to have such a pleasant place to become Americanized in, and the people seem to be glad to have us, even to the extent of cleaning the rectory until it shone and filling up the pantry.

We have been happy to spend time with our families and close friends of many years. We spent three weeks at Pat's seminary, communing

with the Wisconsin nature and studying a bit, and then to Penn. State for Kate's graduation. She graduated with honors in Astronomy, is now working there on her professor's research project, and will be going to the U. of Maryland in the fall to work on her masters, while also "working" on a teaching fellowship. Naturally, we are proud of her accomplishment, most of which she did without the normal encouragement and presence of parents. Most of the credit goes to Laura's brother and sister-in-law who took her in so graciously.

Tim has enrolled as a freshman in high school here and is looking forward to a good year in what appears to be not only a lovely school physically but an excellent one educationally. It has been a long summer of doing nothing and moving about a lot, so normal living sounds good to him.

Naturally we sometimes think of our old home in Taiwan and our good friends there and worry about their future, collectively and individually, but feel thankful for ten wonderful years in which we have expanded our horizons and done a useful job. We left with great confidence about the future of the Church in Taiwan with its native bishop and bright and numerous young clergy.

For the benefit of those friends who think that perhaps faraway Texas is another foreign country under 815's jurisdiction, we hasten to say it is a lovely place and the southern hospitality is surely a fact. Our telephone is (817) 275-5079, and we are just off the Dallas-Ft. Worth Turnpike at the Six Flags exit.

Put our new address in your address books and let us hear from each of you.

The Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Hutton and Tim
1200 Navajo
Arlington, Texas, 76012

With best wishes to you all and prayers for peace in the world,

Sincerely,

The Huttons

How God brought me to St. Michael's - Rev. Roy W. Taylor

It is wonderful to see how God leads in detail. When I came to Taiwan from England, representing the Church Missionary Society, the aim was that I should study Mandarin for a year and a half before going on to Sabah. But in the midst of my language study I found myself occupied with a lot of student work. This brought me to see the wonderful opportunities for working amongst students in Taiwan.

Because of the original plan, I duly applied to Sabah in February; but as the months passed the Sabah government took no action. Indeed, it is now very hard for overseas people to enter

that country. Since some plan had to be made for the late summer, Bishop Pong suggested that I should go to Tainan to work at the Church's student centre. Maybe there would be opportunity also to teach at Cheng Kung University. So we wrote to the university. On July 1st two letters arrived. The first was from the university offering me a job; the second was from Sabah suggesting that because of government delay, I should look elsewhere. Therefore it was made clear that Tainan was the place for me.

Although I have been at St. Michael's, the student centre, for less than a month at the time of writing, it already feels like home. There are nineteen students here at present. Two claim to be Episcopalian Christians, two Presbyterian Christians and one a Roman Catholic. The others have not yet embraced a faith. I thank God for bringing such a fine group of students to St. Michael's this year. The place is rich in potential; there is already a very happy spirit about the place, and I am convinced that we are going to see the power of God at work here.

Formal activities are a Christian meeting on Wednesdays which all the students must attend, English Bible Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays are voluntary, and an English service on Sundays, particularly for the foreign community, but also for any students who might wish to attend. But in addition to this there is opportunity to help a different group of students each weekday with English conversation, and to meet them at meal times, in the dormitories, on the basketball court, and wherever else there is opportunity.

At the university I teach a day-class and a night class, two hours each a week, and my subject is Western Classics. At present I am teaching Greek literature. There is also a public speaking class which I take for two hours a week. This gives me six hours of teaching altogether. Some of these students, I am hoping, will come to join in our activities at St. Michael's.

I am praising God for these opportunities; and I want you to know that I covet your believing prayer for this work.

FATHER BURCH COMES TO TAIWAN

The Rev. Robert A. Burch, a priest of the Diocese of Rochester since 1958, arrived in Taiwan this February to become the Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief representative here, and also the Associate Executive Director of Taiwan Christian Service. Father Burch and his wife, Rosemary, and their three daughters, Linda, Ann Lee, and Patricia, reside at the Taiwan Theological College, located on the outskirts of Taipei. Prior to his coming to Taiwan, Father Burch served as the Program Director for the Diocese of Rochester.

Speaking of his life and work here, the 38 year old priest said- "Taiwan is today a land of amazing vitality and progress. It is a privilege for me to be associated with Taiwan Christian Service.

This organization has had a long history of large-scale relief assistance to people in travail here. Now, Taiwan Christian Service, is "coming of age," adapting to a new period in the history of this area; and becoming self-supporting in every way. With new emphases, we are continuing imaginative programs of urban and rural community development "pilot" programs; food-for-work projects; family planning; and emergency relief assistance when natural disasters strike Taiwan.

When asked about the episcopal diocese here, in which he has been licensed to officiate, he replied - "The Episcopal Church in Taiwan is here to stay. There are many signs of new health. The witness and the spirit that this diocese gives pervades the land in a way that magnifies greatly its relative small size. In ecumenical activities, the leadership of the Episcopal Church is very present. I am delighted with the opportunity for frequent consultation with the wise, strong, warm, new shepherd of the diocese, James Pong."

(Dr. F. T. Ley of the Diocese of Taiwan is this year the President of the ecumenical, relief agency, Taiwan Christian Service.)

NEWS IN BRIEF

News of the Johnsons: We heard recently from Geoff. and Deidre Johnson, who left Taiwan for Singapore last Spring. In addition to the work at Our Saviour's Church, Geoff has Cathedral duties, including a monthly Communion in Mandarin. The church people (especially the younger ones) are beginning to do things for themselves. There is a Children's Church, a group for over-12's, and a Bible Study and Discussion Group for older teenagers. They sound to be both busy and happy.

Clergy Re-training Abroad: In February, the Diocese sent Fr. John Ling to attend Virginia Theological Seminary for a year and half of studies, with a scholarship granted by VTS. In September, Fr. Henry Pan of St. Paul's Church, Kaoshiung was sent to St. George's College Jerusalem to attend a three month- course on Comparative liturgies and Bible studies. He will be back in Taiwan before X'mas.

Good Shepherd Notes

Good Shepherd sends Taiwan Handicrafts abroad for X'mas Sale: Mrs. E. Der reported to the Friendship Magazine that 7 churches from S. Carolina, W. Virginia and Los Angeles had ordered X'mas decoration from Good Shepherd. The proceeds will help pay off the loan which is only half way through and still \$17,500 US to go. That mission is running a big kindergarten with 300 children and expecting to expand to 400 in February and add two more classrooms to the existing buildings.

Moon Festival Vicarage Open House - Oct. 2nd, 1971, the Vicarage Annual Open House will draw a good crowd of about 60 people from

the church. This is especially celebrated at the Moon Festival where traditionally the family will be together. Moon Cakes and festival fruit will be served.

58 people attended the Good Shepherd Autumn Conference: On Confucius' Birthday, Sept. 28th, 1971, the Good Shepherd young people revived the past tradition of sponsoring an Autumn Youth Conference at the Church and invited young people from Holy Trinity, the church of the Advent, and the Cathedral to come. The weather was perfect, fine and cool. After morning prayer, there was Bible study and questions asked on 'Who is Jesus? Do you care about Him?' Also a discussion on the value of worship, academic program, recreation program and service program. Then in the afternoon all the people went to the Riverside Park and had very happy moments with games and folk dancing. The ties had been much strengthened.

Lay Dept. sponsors: Reading movement and Photo Contest: Mr. C. C. Tsu, director of the Lay Department told the reporter that they had been pushing a program of book reading and introducing magazines to all the churches. A sample of Anglican publications in Chinese had been sent to each Church. A photographic contest of church activities and portrait of people praying is being held. The prize winners will have their photos enlarged and sent to New York for PECUSA communication material.

Special fund for missions: About \$500 US had been collected for the 150th Anniversary of the D. F. M. Society Bishop Pong strongly urged all members to do their best to donate money towards the 150th Anniversary of the Episcopal Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. This society had assigned Taiwan as one of the six Dioceses to be the recipients of the foundation fund. As we had applied for One Million US as a foundation fund towards self-supporting we must do our best to give. Many churches had already started and the target of \$500 US which is \$20,000 NT is visible.

We participate in Special prayer Week for the Nation: As the international appeasement movement of pacifying communism and maneuvering the Red Chinese Regime into the United Nations, Christians in Taipei held a special week of prayer beginning Sept. 19th to pray for Justice and Freedom in the world and pray for those who have lost all religious freedom in the Communist areas.

Ecumenical Worship Service: An Ecumenical Worship Service Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Republic of China will be held on Oct. 7th, 1971, at the International House auditorium; all the Churches will join in a thanksgiving service for the 60th anniversary of the nation. Mr. Fat-Tsang Lei of our Church is one of the Chairmen in the arrangements committee from the Ecumenical Co-operative Committee.

Five-Year Plan: The diocesan Strategy Committee will be writing a report to be presented to the Convocation next year after all the subcommittees have reported. An appendix with all the five-year

plans of the Churches will be added to enable planners to view the whole picture of Diocesan development. Self-support, Creativity, Service and Evangelism will be the main goals of this Diocese.

Overseas Visitors: It is a great Joy to have Friends coming from afar Hong Kong clergy and families visiting Taiwan in July and August:

Mrs. Peter Poa and the Holy Carpenter Workers Tour;

The Rev. & Mrs. Andrew Pang of St. Mary's Church;

The Rev. Henry Kwok of the Anglican Literature Society, visiting writers and agents;

The Rev. & Mrs. Alan Chan of Keo Oi Church;

The Rev. & Mrs. Benjamine Pao of Calvary's Church;

The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Paul B. Denlinger and son Paul came from Asbury College to visit the old Church, St. James, Taichung they had founded in 1961 when Dr. Denlinger was Professor at Tunghai University. Mrs. Denlinger and young Paul will be staying for about a year for Paul to learn Chinese;

The Rev. John Cameron McDonald, missionary teacher in Japan vacationed with his son in Taipei in September.

LAST WORD

- It's bewildering.
- What is?
- This list of names and places. It's all very well to read all about Taiwan, but I never remember much afterwards.
- Perhaps there is another way of doing it.
- What do you mean?
- Like praying for just one two people or one two projects. You could take special note of their news, even if you can't remember the rest of the news.
- That sounds more sensible.
- Maybe you could even write. A letter is a more concrete sort of contact than a magazine.
- I think you've got something there. Why didn't I think of it before?

They play games
at the Contest.



Children lunched together
at the Contest.

He's telling
the story of Christ.

